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Newsletter of the

## Southeast Library System

September/October 2009

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### SOWINGS

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#### Unified Message

I attended *Coalition Building for All Libraries in Tough Economic Times* at the American Library Association conference in Chicago. I was tipped off to the program by an article in the June issue of *School Library Journal* by Brian Kenney. In the article Kenney talks about libraries of all types joining together to advocate for funding – that all libraries are interconnected no matter what type of library they are. If one has a crisis in funding then that affects all libraries. If libraries unify and speak with one voice the message delivered to our funders becomes all the more powerful. That concept is a current effort by ALA President Jim Rettig, and he refers to it as the “library ecosystem.” Rettig believes that to survive and thrive in today’s economy, “libraries of all types must come together and advocate with a unified voice.” As a part of that effort, Rettig is encouraging states to form coalitions to do just that when communicating with those that impact library funding. The session at ALA was intended to provide attendees with the necessary information and tools to begin action. Here’s some of the conversation at that session:

- New York has a representative from each section of their state library association on the Legislative Committee to help in unifying efforts and getting to one message. And, their state association pays for a READ® poster for each state senator.
- Libraries work together with the State Department of Education and teachers. New York organizes a get together 3 times a year over lunch. It’s a way of sharing the library message with a powerful advocacy group, and a group whose mission aligns closely with ours.
- Libraries partner with Chamber of Commerce. Here’s the link for libraries with business, and involvement with that agency as a matter of routine is another opportunity to relay a single message from libraries,

while at the same time listening in and becoming familiar with their issues.

- Establish clear priorities and clarity on where values lie for individuals that will be speaking on behalf of libraries. This is an important and critical step for speaking with one voice.
- Poll the community to test your message so that you have feedback on the value. Professional polling groups or local pollsters are well worth the investment. Sometimes they’ll add a couple of library questions to a poll they’re already doing which may help with the expense.
- Once you have a unified message – post it on your library association web sites. Put it in places where it’s easily accessible to librarians and to public audiences.
- Cultivate library champions when they’re serving on the local level. These individuals often move on to higher office and have the ear of those in power. One easy example is to have them on a standing invitation list for library celebrations and events.
- And, one we’ve heard before – don’t be active only when in crisis.

Kenney’s editorial in *School Library Journal* wraps up the idea so well that I’m going to quote it below:

*“Libraries offer incredible learning opportunities, and collectively we make learning available from the cradle to the grave. In this way, we are unique institutions in American society. And what we offer our citizens and students – in this time of economic upheaval and swift technological change – is more vital*

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*Twelve vision statements came out of the Future Search Conference held in July 2009. To keep the vision alive and developing, the Regional Library Systems are highlighting the visions in their newsletters with the purpose of encouraging continued discussion among librarians, library staff, boards and their communities.*

### **Vision statement:**

### *Libraries embrace the richness of a global community*

From the Library Bill of Rights: V. A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views.

### **The American Library Association (ALA) stresses the importance of both access to information and equity of access.**

Libraries are major sources of information for society and they serve as guardians of the public's access to information more generally. The advent of the digital world has revolutionized how the public obtains its information and how libraries provide it. Libraries help ensure that Americans can access the information they need – regardless of age, education, ethnicity, language, income, physical limitations or geographic barriers – as the digital world continues to evolve. Core values of the library community such as equal access to information, intellectual freedom, and the objective stewardship and provision of information must be preserved and strengthened in the evolving digital world.

Equity of access means that all people have the information they need-regardless of age, education, ethnicity, language, income, physical limitations or geographic barriers. It means they are able to obtain information in a variety of formats-electronic, as well as print. It also means they are free to exercise their right to know without fear of censorship or reprisal.

[www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/access/accesstoinformation/index.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/access/accesstoinformation/index.cfm)

Regardless of the ethnic breakdown in your community, access and communication happen on a global basis, in school, at home, or wherever our wireless takes us, on the internet via email, facebook, chess or canasta playing or other gaming sites, etc. We are no longer living life just within our living room, or neighborhood, or city – our reach often on a daily basis extends outside. Are we meeting the needs of the diverse population that has become Nebraska?

- ♦ Do a community analysis. Look at the census data for your community. [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov) will allow you to look at the current and projected statistics for your community. Look at the school data <http://reportcard.nde.state.ne.us/Main/Home.aspx> Do a needs assessment by handing out a questionnaire or sending one home with the electric bill. Know your community and what materials and access to information users need. Then do what you can to provide materials and services in their language, at their reading levels, on your website, wherever you can.

**Become observant.**

- ♦ New language programs are being developed and marketed to libraries. These programs are very user friendly and something to consider purchasing for your users if this is a need in your community. One company who offers a quality product is called Mango. You can try it for free. It offers training in 12 languages and plans to rapidly expand. [www.mangolanguages.com/](http://www.mangolanguages.com/)

**Become outward focused.**

- ♦ Do you offer programming in the language or utilize the diverse culture of the population in your community? Celebrate the holidays of the cultures in your community. Don't be afraid to ask about traditions, what the group would like the library to offer. Use members of different groups to offer the programs, display objects from their home country, or any other event that allows you to work together.

**Become collaborators.**

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- At NLA/NEMA several years ago, Mary Pipher, Nebraska author, spoke about the importance of libraries for people new to the United States and new to Nebraska. Her book, *The Middle of Everywhere: Helping Refugees Enter the American Community*, is a great primer in providing services to individuals new to the U.S. Ask what other information is important when moving to a community, especially if you aren't a native English speaker. Get Nebraska maps and driver's license books to give to your patrons. You can print off the driver's license books at: [www.dmv.ne.gov/examining/index.html](http://www.dmv.ne.gov/examining/index.html) or you can download the audio at the same site. Nebraska guides and maps are available at: [www.visitnebraska.gov/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=206&Itemid=313](http://www.visitnebraska.gov/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=206&Itemid=313) or call 877-NEBRASKA.

Become the welcoming place.

- ♦ Some computers allow the user to change to the language of their choice. Google has a translation program: <http://translate.google.com/?hl=en#>. Let the user change the language, let the user send e-mail, and don't block places that allow connections to family, to culture, to important services for one's life.

Become indispensable.

Questions to consider:

Do you know the make-up of your community? Are you providing services to all people regardless of language or ethnicity?

Is the library one of the first places people new to the community come for information and services regardless of their nationality or language?

Do you offer programming that is appealing to different segments of your community throughout the year?

Is it possible to collaborate with diverse members of your community to offer experiences which celebrate all cultures and experiences?

Do you provide access to computers and on-line information in multiple languages?

-Sherry Houston, Republican Valley Library System Administrator

Please feel free to share your comments and feedback from these discussions and exercises. Nebraska Regional Library Systems will be posting bi-monthly discussions on system email lists, newsletters, and websites. There is a Nebraska Libraries Future Search wiki hosted by NLC where we can post discussion information and feedback: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/wikis/fs/Whats%20Next.ashx](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/wikis/fs/Whats%20Next.ashx)

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*than ever. School, public, and academic libraries are making an enormous difference in the lives of our communities and users. This is the message we need to deliver to our funders...This effort isn't meant to ignore the different realities in which school, public and academic libraries operate – from how they're funded to their different missions. Nor is it meant to replace individual efforts already underway...Rather, it acknowledges how difficult it is to get people's attention today – especially legislators' – and that when we do, our message needs to be strong, clear, easy to comprehend and, most importantly, inclusive."*

The Nebraska Regional Library Systems (NRLS) organized a Road Trip to our 5<sup>th</sup> national or regional conference by chartering a bus to American Library Association in Chicago in July. NRLS partially fund Road Trips by writing a continuing education grant to Nebraska Library Commission (NLC). So, if you'd ever like a chance to see what a national library conference is all about, a road trip may be an excellent opportunity to do so.

-Brenda Ealey, Administrator

# Southeast Library System



## September

**September is Library Card Sign-Up Month** – a time when the American Library Association and libraries across the country remind parents that the most important school supply of all is @ your library® -- it's your library card. For more information including logos, press releases and more go to: [www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/advocacy/publicawareness/alainitiatives/otherinitiatives/card/librarycard.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/advocacy/publicawareness/alainitiatives/otherinitiatives/card/librarycard.cfm).

**September 13<sup>th</sup>** – Celebrate how our National Parks are preserved for every American. Events at Homestead National Monument and Beatrice High School. For more information go to: [www.netNebraska.org/nationalparks](http://www.netNebraska.org/nationalparks).

**September 15<sup>th</sup>** – **NAIL (Nebraska Association of Institutional Librarians) meeting** at Nebraska State Penitentiary.



**September 19<sup>th</sup>** - **SELS Friends Iron Librarian Event**-POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT SUMMER.

**September 24<sup>th</sup>** – **CASTL meeting** at Virgil Biegert Public Library in Shickley. John Felton (NLC) will be joining us to talk about the Public Library Statistical Report and Bibliostat. Book discussion theme, Autumn reads, and round robin in the afternoon.

**September 26<sup>th</sup> – October 3<sup>rd</sup>** – **Banned Books Week**. See website for freebies and more information: [www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/banned/bannedbooksweek/index.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/banned/bannedbooksweek/index.cfm).

## October

**October 1<sup>st</sup>** - Celebrate a night of “**Dangerous Songs, Banned Books and Censored Movies**” at Duffy’s Tavern, 1412 “O” Street in Lincoln from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Sponsored by ACLU Nebraska, Academy of Rock, AFCON, and the NLA Intellectual Freedom Committee.



**October 2<sup>nd</sup>**— Due date for Youth Grants for Excellence from NLC. For more information: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/news/content/2471.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/news/content/2471.html).

**October 9<sup>th</sup>** – **SELS Board meeting** at Lincoln Regional Center, 10 a.m.

**October 13<sup>th</sup>** – Film Streams Theatre in Omaha is showing “**Inherit the Wind**” – with a panel discussion to follow.

**October 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>** – **Teen Read Week** – *Read Beyond Reality @ your library*.

**October 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>** – NLA/NEMA Conference in LaVista. Go to: [www.nebraskalibraries.org/conference/2009](http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/conference/2009) to register or for more information.

## November

**November 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>** – **Collection Development Basic Skills Course** at Seward Memorial Library. You can contact the SELS office or go to the NLC website, Nebraska Library Commission Library Training calendar at [www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp). (Search for “basic skills”).

**November 12<sup>th</sup>** – **Colloquium with Tracie D. Hall** – 10 Social Trends that Change the Way Contemporary Libraries Can and Should Do Business. See page 10.

**November 12<sup>th</sup>** – **Interactive Workshop on the 10 Trends** with Tracie D. Hall in Lincoln from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

**November 13<sup>th</sup>** – **NLC Commissioners Meeting** at Nebraska Library Commission, 9:30 a.m. Meeting is open to the public. For more information and to attend, contact Maria Medrano-Nehls at: [mnehls@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:mnehls@nlc.state.ne.us).

**November 14<sup>th</sup>** – **Nebraska Book Festival** – see page 14 for more information.

**November 14<sup>th</sup>** – **AFCON and Ayers event** in Omaha see page 15.



**November 19<sup>th</sup>** – **CASTL meeting** at Lincoln Public Schools District Office, 5901 O St. Read something multicultural-author, subject, setting, etc.- to go with the morning presentation of the MOSAIC display – a selection of titles, reviewed and selected by Lincoln Public Schools professional staff and media specialists. Mosaic is a great list that provides a breakdown by specific cultures and by grade levels from pre-school to young adult.

### Southeast Library System Board of Directors 2009-2010

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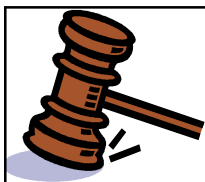
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### 2009/10 SELS Board Meetings



October 9<sup>th</sup>: Lincoln Regional Center - 10 a.m. start time.

December 11<sup>th</sup>: Harding & Shultz Law Firm - 10 a.m. start time.

February 19<sup>th</sup>: Seward Memorial Library - 10 a.m. start time

April 9<sup>th</sup>: Tri-County Schools, DeWitt - 10 a.m. start time

# Neighborhood News

**Kilgore Memorial Library** has started posting local waymarks at ([www.waymarking.com](http://www.waymarking.com)). Waymarking, like geocaching, uses G.P.S. coordinates. Waymarking also uses "Categories" to organize content. Each category has an editorial group that has the power to accept or decline any proposed new entries. Kilgore Memorial Library's "geocaching" web page ([yorklib.org/geocaching](http://yorklib.org/geocaching)) has links to some of what we're trying to accomplish with waymarking and geocaching. We'll be cross-linking to image sets in our flickr account ([www.flickr.com/photos/yorklib](http://www.flickr.com/photos/yorklib)) as well.



Our "official" geocache at geocaching.com ([www.geocaching.com/seek/cache\\_details.aspx?guid=6fd10820-e3ca-4d96-a01f-3e4294435d3b](http://www.geocaching.com/seek/cache_details.aspx?guid=6fd10820-e3ca-4d96-a01f-3e4294435d3b)) has been visited several times a week since we placed it in late May.

Nearly all those visits were by cross-country travelers on Interstate 80. We'd hoped our activity on geocaching.com and waymarking.com would help bring people in to York. The evidence so far is that we're doing just that.

-Stan Schulz, Director

The **Plattsmouth Public Library** is very excited to be the recipient of the National Endowment of the Arts Big Read grant again this year. The Big Read was created to promote recreational reading as a nation by asking each community to read the same book and participate in activities centered around the book. The library staff and Friends of the Plattsmouth Public Library group will be giving away a total of 500 copies of the two books to citizens of the community in addition to the program events.

"Our Town" and "The Bridge of San Luis Rey" by Thornton Wilder are the books that are being featured by the Plattsmouth Public Library. We chose these books because "Our Town" is centered in the everyday lives of citizens of a small rural town, much like Plattsmouth. We will be hosting events from September 27, 2009 through October 25, 2009.

Among the activities planned is "Sunday in the Park in Our Town" Kickoff on Sunday, September 27 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be a variety of book discussions hosted by volunteers for both books at the library and other locations in town during the program period. We will also be



showing the different versions of both movies including a movie festival on a Saturday night showing both films.

Nancy B. Johnson, a Nebraska Humanities Council speaker, will be discussing Nebraska writer Wright Morris at a Brown Bag Lunch at the Cass County Museum on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. Wright Morris uses images and words to create pictures of life in small town Nebraska which ties in perfectly with the book, "Our Town." The museum has also created two special displays featuring Plattsmouth at the turn of the century, the time period used in "Our Town."

A recreation of the wedding scene from the play, "Our Town" will be the on Saturday, October 17 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the library. This will be followed by a wedding reception and book discussion. Vintage dance instructors will be teaching Victorian line dances to the guests. Debby Greenblatt of Avoca will be accompanying them with music of the era. All of the guests will enjoy wedding cake and punch.

The final event will be a full length production of the play, "Our Town" on the stage in the library auditorium. Performances are Friday, October 23, Saturday, October 24, and Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. The play is a perfect fit with the intimacy of our stage and auditorium in reflecting the closeness of neighbors in the small town of Grover's Corners, NH featured in the play.

The Big Read is a great opportunity to share great books with neighbors, friends, and other members of the community.

-Kirsten Wood, Children's Librarian





There were approximately 25 people at the **Plattsmouth Public Library** on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> to meet Chloe Neill, author of "Some Girls Bite." Ms. Neill read from the first chapter of her book and then answered questions from the audience. Ms. Neill has two more books coming out in the next year including a young adult novel titled, "Firespell."

The vampire trivia game grand prize winner went home with an autographed advance reading copy of "Friday Night Bites," the second novel in the Chicagoland Vampire Series. Ms. Neill also donated some promotional materials for the books! The second prize winner received an autographed copy of "Some Girls Bite" along with promotional materials.

After Ms. Neill's reading, lunch was served courtesy of the Plattsmouth Friends of the Library. Pizza, chips with garlic dip, and bleeding heart cupcakes were the menu and were enjoyed by everyone.

After lunch, approximately 20 people were in attendance for a vampire themed movie in the auditorium. It was a great day and many thanks to Chloe Neill, the Friends of the Plattsmouth Public Library, and everyone who attended the program!

-Kirsten Wood, Children's Librarian

**Seward Memorial Library** had "some summer," to paraphrase a very clever spider. The 2009 "Be Creative @ Your Library" theme created some new records for our library. When the numbers were counted the staff understood why they were ready for a margarita! Seward Memorial Library experienced the highest circulation ever in June when 13,320 items were checked out.

This record was immediately broken in July when the circulation was even greater! The library saw 13,528 items move out of the building, or in other words, 30% of our collection went out the doors in one month. Just more facts that highlight why our library is an essential element in the Seward community!

-Becky Baker, Director



**Lincoln City Libraries** are carding you this month! Sheila Jacobs came up with a great idea to celebrate Library Card Signup Month. We are encouraging individuals to discover new ways to use their library card (we don't encourage using it as an ice scraper) and trying to attract people who don't have a library card. Here are the first four: 1) *Check out a One Book - One Lincoln current or past title.* 2) *Use Homework HelpNow! to get online help with homework in either English or Spanish.* 3) *Check out a Caldecott, Newberry or Golden Sower winner.* 4) *Learn tasks to get a job or check job opportunities. We have an app for that.* There are ideas for each day of September.

Each branch library also has displays and calendars where they reveal one new item every day. Discover the whole list as the month goes on. Please add your photo. [www.lincolnl libraries.org/info/30\\_Ways\\_to\\_Use\\_Your\\_Library\\_Card.htm](http://www.lincolnl libraries.org/info/30_Ways_to_Use_Your_Library_Card.htm)

-Barbara Hansen, Administrative Aide



**News for children's**



Nebraska Reads

## Area libraries invite the public to:

### Morton-James Public Library – Nebraska City

Kimmel Gallery

September 5 to October 31, 2009

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Friday & Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

#### Special Exhibit Activities

LEGO® Space Shuttle Contest: [Youth 8-12](#) & [Teen 13-16](#)

Contest entries due September 15, 2009.

Coloring Contest: [3-4](#), [5-6](#), [7-8](#) and [9-11](#) year olds. Contest entries due September 15, 2009.

Hands on children's activities Saturdays 10 a.m.-noon & 2-4 p.m. and Sundays 1-4 p.m. Special AppleJack weekend activity - Family rocket building 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, September 19, 2009.

Computers available in the Grace Moller Technology Center for interactive website activities.

Interactive computer workshops and activities for groups i.e scouts, students, after school organizations, clubs, etc. by appointment; contact Louan at 873-5609.

#### Exhibit Funding:

The NASA exhibit has been made possible with support and funding from:

Morton-James Public Library Foundation

Friends of the Library

Otoe County Visitors Committee



**Exhibit**



### Seward Memorial Library

September 13 - 2:00 p.m. - Speed Reviews with guest reviewers from the Blue Valley Quilt Guild (free)

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All Seward Reads Together programs on September 16!

6:00 p.m. - Playing With the Enemy book discussion with pizza!

(Free, but please let us know if you plan to attend so we can get an idea of how much pizza to order.)

7:00 p.m. - "POWs in Nebraska during World War II" presentation by Nebraska Humanities Council speaker Doug Rung (free)

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Sept. 22 - Great Books for Great Kids fundraiser at all Runza locations

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October 10 - Stephanie Grace Whitson luncheon with the program beginning at 1:00 p.m., tickets required

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October 27 - Gary W. Moore, author of Playing With the Enemy, will be in Seward, speaking at 7:00 p.m. (free)



# News and Notes



## Golden Sower Nominees 2010-2011

The GSA nominee list is developed by selection committees of volunteer readers representing classroom teachers, media specialists, and librarians in Nebraska. Each list is created from nominated titles sent in by participating libraries and schools from across the state.

Local library or school officials are responsible for selecting books from these lists they feel are appropriate for the needs and interests of their patrons or students. Voting eligibility requires readers to have read or heard a minimum of **four** of the current nominees from the category in which they will be voting, Primary, Intermediate, or Young Adult.

Check out the list: [www.goldensower.org/nugget/lists/bibs.htm](http://www.goldensower.org/nugget/lists/bibs.htm).

## 40th Anniversary of Coretta Scott King Book Awards

2009 is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Coretta Scott King Book Awards, so it's a great opportunity to celebrate by planning a program that features the books, authors and/or illustrators that have won the award. You can find more information at [www.ala.org/csk](http://www.ala.org/csk), and lists of winners at: [www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/rts/emiert/cskbookawards/recipients.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/rts/emiert/cskbookawards/recipients.cfm). The 2009 award winner is *We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball* written and illustrated by Kadir Nelson. Nelson is also the illustrator of the book by Sharon Robinson – *Testing the Ice: A True Story About Jackie Robinson*. Nelson's illustrations in both books are exceptional – and key to the telling of both stories. Sharon Robinson, the daughter of Jackie, talks about the surprise and pleasure of her mom upon seeing Nelson's illustrations of her husband.

For a copy of the poster for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary: [www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2440](http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2440)



## Banned Books Week: Celebrating the Freedom to Read September 26–October 3, 2009

Banned Books Week (BBW): Celebrating the Freedom to Read is observed during the last week of September each year. Observed since 1982, this annual ALA event reminds Americans not to take this precious democratic freedom for granted. BBW celebrates the freedom to choose or the freedom to express one's opinion even if that opinion might be considered unorthodox or unpopular and stresses the importance of ensuring the availability of those unorthodox or unpopular viewpoints to all who wish to read them. After all, intellectual freedom can exist only where the freedom to express oneself and the freedom to choose what opinions and viewpoints to consume are both met. As the Intellectual Freedom Manual (ALA, 7th edition) states:

*Intellectual freedom can exist only where two essential conditions are met: first, that all individuals have the right to hold any belief on any subject and to convey their ideas in any form they deem appropriate; and second, that society makes an equal commitment to the right of unrestricted access to information and ideas regardless of the communication medium used, the content of the work, and the viewpoints of both the author and receiver of information. Freedom to express oneself through a chosen mode of communication, including the Internet, becomes virtually meaningless if access to that information is not protected. Intellectual freedom implies a circle, and that circle is broken if either freedom of expression or access to ideas is stifled.*

Although they were the targets of attempted bannings, most of the books featured during BBW were not banned, thanks to the efforts of librarians to maintain them in their collections. Imagine how many more books might be challenged—and possibly banned or restricted—if librarians, teachers, and booksellers across the country did not use Banned Books Week each year to teach the importance of our First Amendment rights and the power of literature, and to draw attention to the danger that exists when restraints are imposed on the availability of information in a free society.

For more information on getting involved with Banned Books Week: Celebrating the Freedom to Read, please see [Calendar of Events](#) and [Ideas and Resources](#). You can also contact the ALA [Office for Intellectual Freedom](#) at 1-800-545-2433, ext. 4220, or [bbw@ala.org](mailto:bbw@ala.org).

Fall Colloquium '09



# Tracie D. Hall

## The Ten Social Trends that Change the Way Libraries Can & Should Do Business

November 12, 2009

5:30-9:30 p.m.

Join us as Hall gives a lively analysis of the nation's exponential demographic shifts and the challenges posed to the library managers and frontline service providers to re-imagine library services as we know them. In this compelling and interactive discussion of important social trends, participants will gain insights into better matching traditional library services with contemporary user needs.

Founder and principal of GoodSeed Consulting Group, **Tracie D. Hall** previously served as Assistant Dean of Dominican University's Graduate School of Library and Information Science, as Director of the American Library Association's Office for Diversity, and in various capacities at Seattle, New Haven Free, and Hartford Public Libraries. A frequent speaker, trainer and facilitator for education, information services, and non-profit organizations, Hall's writings on diversity and leadership have appeared in several professional publications. Hall's current work centers on inspiring and coaching organizations and individuals around excellence, inclusion, and innovation. She holds B.A.s from the University of California at Santa Barbara, and Masters degrees from Yale University and the University of Washington.

Thursday, November 12, 2009 5:30-9:30 p.m.

at The Cornhusker Marriott Hotel 333 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE  
Yankee Hill I & II

### Schedule of Events

5:30 – 6:30	Social hour, cash bar
6:30 – 7:30	Dinner
7:30 – 8:30	Presentation by <b>Tracie D. Hall</b>
8:30 – 9:30	Discussion

**Dinner: Chicken Marsala or Champagne Pasta.** All entrees include garden salad, chef's potatoes, fresh vegetables, rolls & butter and coffee, tea, or milk.

The Fall Colloquium is sponsored jointly by:  
**Eastern Library System & Southeast Library System.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Library \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please choose one: ☐ Chicken Marsala ☐ Pasta

Send completed registration form & payment of **\$40.00** to: **Southeast Library System**,  
5730 R St., Ste. C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505. Deadline: **Monday November 9, 2009.**

**Also on November 12<sup>th</sup> – Interactive Workshop on the 10 Trends** with Tracie D. Hall in  
Lincoln from 1 to 4:30 p.m. More details to follow!

**Money Smart Week** is a public awareness campaign designed to help consumers better manage their personal finances. This is achieved through the collaboration and coordinated effort of organizations across the state and Midwest including businesses, financial institutions, schools, libraries, not-for-profits, government agencies and the media. These groups come together once a year to stress the



importance of financial literacy, inform consumers where they can get help, and provide free educational seminars and activities throughout the week. Programming is offered to all demographics and income levels and covers all facets of personal finance from establishing a budget to first time home buying to estate planning.

The Money Smart Nebraska effort is coordinated by the Nebraska Financial Education Coalition, a diverse group of close to 100 Nebraska organizations working together to promote personal financial literacy. The Coalition officially formed in 2007 to help organizations interested in financial education share resources, network, and increase awareness of the importance of financial literacy in Nebraska.

The main goal of Money Smart Nebraska is to provide workshops, seminars, programs and events to help you and your family, students, homeowners, businesspersons, employees and other community members expand your opportunities through improved financial literacy. The dates for the **2009 Money Smart Week are November 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>**.

Libraries can support Nebraska Money Smart Week in a variety of ways. Last year Omaha Public Library had programs put on by financial experts in several of the branches. We used some of the publicity pieces on the website [www.moneysmartnebraska.org/](http://www.moneysmartnebraska.org/) and had displays of financial books at some of the libraries. Other libraries could help promote programs in other organizations, such as the Northeast Community College or the First State Bank in Fremont, which had programs last year.

Please join us in promoting financial education across our state. You can find more information on the website. If you'd like to inquire about programs or financial organizations in your area, please contact Molly McGrath at the Federal Reserve Bank in Omaha ([molly.mcgrath@kc.frb.org](mailto:molly.mcgrath@kc.frb.org)) or call her at 402-221-5606. The coalition has members across the state who can help with your planning.

### ***CALL FOR STUDENT ENTRIES!***

**Letters About Literature**, a national reading and writing promotion program of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, in partnership with Target, invites young readers in grades 4 – 12 to enter this year's **Letters About Literature** letter writing competition. **Young readers simply write a personal letter to an author explaining on that author's work somehow changed the readers' view of their world.**

**Letters About Literature** awards both state and national prizes on three competition levels: Level 1 for grades 4 – 6; Level 2 for grades 7 – 8; and Level 3 for grades 9 – 12. Six national winners will each receive cash awards and will nominate a school or community library to receive a \$10,000 LAL Reading Promotion grant. Twelve national honor winners will likewise receive cash awards and also nominate a school or community library to receive a \$1,000 LAL Reading Promotion grant. Nebraska winners are honored in a Proclamation-signing ceremony and receive cash awards and gift certificates.

Teachers, librarians, and parents can download free teaching materials on reader response and reflective writing at [www.lettersaboutliterature.org](http://www.lettersaboutliterature.org). Submission deadline is **postmark December 12, 2009**. State winners will be notified in March 2010 and national winners by mid-April. Nebraska-specific information (including letters from Nebraska winners of past contests) is available at [www.nebraska.gov/publications/lal/aboutcontest.html](http://www.nebraska.gov/publications/lal/aboutcontest.html). **Letters About Literature** is sponsored in Nebraska by the Nebraska Center for the Book and the Nebraska Library Commission, with support from Houchen Bindery Ltd. and Lee Booksellers.

**Letters About Literature** supports national standards for teaching language arts & reading as recommended by the National Council of Teachers of English and the International Reading Association.

### Emergency and Disaster Resources for Public Libraries

Disaster preparation and recovery, biodefense, bioterrorism, chemical emergencies, earthquakes, fires, first aid, floods, heat illness, radiation emergencies, tornadoes, and winter weather emergencies—is your library ready?

1. Do you want to learn about authoritative consumer health resources addressing emergencies and disasters?
2. Do you want to identify potential roles public libraries can plan in an emergency or disaster?
3. Do you want to know how medical and hospital libraries are preparing for emergencies and disasters in their communities?

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, then this FREE online class is for you.

Public libraries serve a significant role during an emergency or disaster through their public access technology infrastructure. Individuals and communities in a crisis rely on public access computing and Internet access availability. The public library is a preferred place of access due to their capacity and support available.

Librarians provide expertise and technical assistance for accessing consumer health information and making referrals to local health services and programs. They can also offer expertise in organizing communities; identifying and evaluating appropriate disease and health promotion topics and resources; and planning, delivering and evaluating community outreach programs and services.

The disaster or emergency may not effect the community directly—perhaps occurring halfway around the world—but your community may have an interest in understanding more about the health risks of emergencies or disaster events they hear about in the news: from H1N1 outbreaks to chemical spills.

All you need to attend is access to the Internet and a telephone. Space is limited, so reserve your virtual seat today at <http://tinyurl.com/epforpubliclibraries>, and choose one of three dates:

Wednesday, October 7th, 1200p-1p (MST), Monday, October 12th, 830a-930a (MST), or Monday, October 26th, 830a-930a (MST)

For more information contact:

Dana Abbey, [Dana.abbey@ucdenver.edu](mailto:Dana.abbey@ucdenver.edu), 303-724-2110, Toll Free 1-800-338-7657  
select option 1, then option 2, then option 3



(Connecting Libraries, Underserved teens and Books)

[www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/ppo/programming/greatstories/club.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/ppo/programming/greatstories/club.cfm)

The Great Stories CLUB is organized by the American Library Association Public Programs Office (PPO), in cooperation with the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA). Major funding for the Great Stories CLUB has been provided by Oprah's Angel Network.

The Great Stories CLUB is a reading and discussion program that targets underserved, troubled teen populations. The program reaches teens through books that are relevant to their lives, inviting them to read and keep the books, and encourages them to consider and discuss each title with a group of their peers. It seeks to show that reading can be a source of pleasure, a tool for self-exploration, and a meaningful way to connect to the wider world. Its ultimate goal is to inspire young adults who face difficult situations to take control of their lives by embracing the power of reading.

Round III is here! The theme for this round is "New Horizons." To apply for a Great Stories CLUB grant, please visit our online application here: <http://ppo.ala.org/gscwebapp/>

YALSA's Outreach to Young Adults with Special Needs Committee has selected the following three titles for this round:

- *One of Those Hideous Books Where The Mother Dies*, by Sonya Sones (Simon & Schuster, 2005)
- *The Afterlife* by Gary Soto (Harcourt, 2005)
- *The Rules of Survival* by Nancy Werlin (Speak, 2008)

Applications for Round III will be accepted until **November 2, 2009**. Prior to completing your application, please review the [guidelines](#), [application instructions](#) and [resources for projects directors](#).

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# Oh Good Grief!

## Bereavement Issues for Librarians

October 28, 2009

La Vista Conference Center

10 am - 3 pm

**Joy Johnson**, presenter, along with her husband Marvin founded the Centering Corporation ([www.centering.org](http://www.centering.org)) in 1977 to provide education and resources for the bereaved. The organization is dedicated to providing education on grief and loss for professionals and the families they serve.

Death is inevitable but not many of us are comfortable with it. Librarianship is one of the "helping professions" but few have had training in how to help people dealing with end-of-life issues. This workshop will provide tools and techniques for dealing with grief and grieving and will cover the following:

- Become "aware" of your own attitudes toward death
- Develop resources and techniques to use in assisting library customers dealing with the death of a loved one
- Improve ability to assist people facing a terminal illness through library services
- Recognize how mode of death affects responses (suicide, prolonged illness, multiple deaths, death of a child...all of those may alter people's attitudes)
- Find resources available in the community and other libraries
- Develop your library's collection to meet the needs of your users as they face end of life issues
- Storytelling
- Soup and salad demonstration of grief

### Deadline to register - Monday, October 19th

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Library\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$20 with lunch on your own  
Make check to: NRLS and mail to:  
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11929 Elm Street, Suite 18  
Omaha, NE 68144

[ktooker@windstream.net](mailto:ktooker@windstream.net)

**3.5 hours of CE credit available**



[www.nebraskalibraries.org/conference/2009](http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/conference/2009)



Nebraska Libraries have been bridges to information for patrons of all ages for many years.

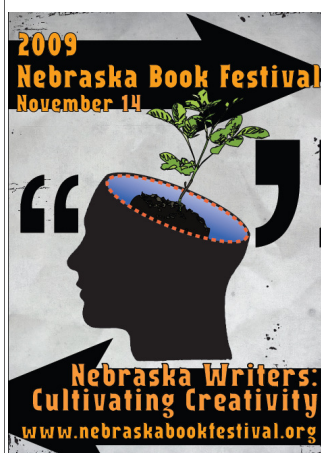
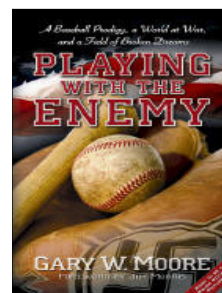
Join us **October 28-30** for three days of sessions and networking opportunities designed to strengthen those bridges and build new foundations at the 2009 conference. The conference will be held at the new Embassy Suites Omaha - La Vista Hotel & Conference Center, off I-80 by the newest Cabela's in Nebraska.

This year, you can register online paying by either check or credit card or print and mail a registration form. Please visit the [www.nebraskalibraries.org/conference/2009](http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/conference/2009) for registration, program and lodging information.

Exciting details will be added as they become available, so check back often!

Get into the Web 2.0 groove and keep up with the conference happenings using facebook, flickr, friendfeed, or twitter.

Be sure to check out a copy of the book *Playing With the Enemy* by keynote speaker Gary W. Moore for your fall reading. This is also the featured book for One Book Many Librarians session on Thursday at 4:40 where Moore will be present to talk about the book.



### **2009 Nebraska Book Festival Set for November 14 in Lincoln**

**Nebraska Writers: Cultivating Creativity, 2009 Nebraska Book Festival, November 14, 2009** will be held at the Nebraska State Historical Society's Museum of Nebraska History, 15th & P Streets, Lincoln, Nebraska. The festival will include a variety of literary activities. An awards luncheon will honor the winners of the Center for the Book's Mildred Bennett Award, Jane Geske Award, and Nebraska Book Awards. A selection of Nebraska writers will read from their 2009 works, along with readings from the winners of the Nebraska Book Awards. **Writers Workshops** will be offered free of charge. Teresa Lorensen of the Bess Streeter Aldrich Foundation will lead a book discussion of Aldrich's *A Lantern in Her Hand*, this year's enormously popular One Book One Nebraska selection ([www.onebookonenebraska.org](http://www.onebookonenebraska.org)).

A Conversation with Three Poets will give Nebraska poets Ted Kooser, Bill Kloefkorn, and Don Welch the opportunity to share insights on reading and writing poetry. These long-time members of an intentional writing community will share insights on how they have supported each other's work through the years. Additional Nebraska author activities and plans for vendors are in the works. The Festival is sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book, Nebraska Humanities Council, and the Nebraska Library Commission.

Noted Nebraska Writers to Appear at the 2009 Nebraska Book Festival, November 14, 2009:

- William Kloefkorn
- Ted Kooser
- Don Welch
- JV Brummels
- Sean Doolittle
- Michael Forsberg
- Harley Jane Kozak
- The Loren Eiseley Society Readers
- Mary Pipher
- Hilda Raz
- Joe Starita
- Stephanie Grace Whitson

For more information see [www.nebraskabookfestival.org](http://www.nebraskabookfestival.org) or contact [Mary Jo Ryan](mailto:mjryan@nlc.state.ne.us), [mjryan@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:mjryan@nlc.state.ne.us), NLC Communications Coordinator, 402-471-3434, 800-307-2665.

**Academic Freedom Coalition of Nebraska**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> AFCON FALL PROGRAM/ANNUAL MEETING**

November 14, 2009 at the Holiday Inn, 72<sup>nd</sup> & Grover, Omaha, NE

**Dr. William Ayers**

*"The Right to Think at All:*

*Academic Freedom and Free Speech in Troubled Times."*

9:30-10:00 a.m. Welcome table

10:00 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. **Dr. Ayer's Speech**

11:30 a.m. -12 noon Book Sale /Autographing by Dr. Ayers

12 noon-1:00 p.m. Luncheon

1:00-2:00 p.m. Academic Freedom Awards/ Business Meeting

Registration for the Fall AFCON Program begins September 14, 2009 and ends October 30, 2009. *No late registration permitted.*

To register for the AFCON Fall Program/Annual Meeting, send this completed form with \$35.00 payment (*make check payable to AFCON*) to AFCON treasurer, Cathi McMurtry, at 515 N. Thomas Avenue, Oakland, NE 68045

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check meal preference: \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ No Meal\*

**AFCON MEMBERSHIP:** **Organizational Membership** (\$120) entitles the organization to one seat on the AFCON Board, one vote in the election of officers and at the annual meeting, eligibility for office and chairing standing committees, and provides newsletter subscription for the board members to share with the organization's information director. **Individual Membership** (\$15) provides newsletter subscription, eligibility for office and for chairing standing committees, and one vote at annual meetings. **Student Membership** (\$5) entitles full-time students to the same privileges as provided by the Individual Membership. (*To become a member, send dues—check payable to AFCON, organization or individual name, address, & phone number to Cathi McMurtry, 515 N. Thomas Avenue, Oakland, NE 68045*)

\*The "no meal" option still requires a registration fee of \$35.

### **NLC Commissioners Update**

In an effort for all of us to stay connected and informed on what's happening with issues concerning libraries in Nebraska, SELS staff and Board are making an effort to have a representative attend Nebraska Library Commissioner Meetings. The Commission's six members are appointed by the Governor to three-year terms, and appointees generally represent one of each of the state's six Regional Library System areas. Here is a link to job roles for Commissioners: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/commis/commis.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/commis/commis.html). Listed below are the current Commission Members:

**Jean Ahrens, Chair**

Scottsbluff, NE

Term expires: June 2010

**Diane Boyd**

South Sioux City, NE

Term expires: June 2012

**Charles Gordon**

Fremont, NE

Term expires: June 2010

**Steve Batty**

McCook, NE

Term expires: June 2012

**John Dale, Vice-Chair**

Lincoln, NE

Term expires: June 2012

**Carol Spencer**

Broken Bow, NE

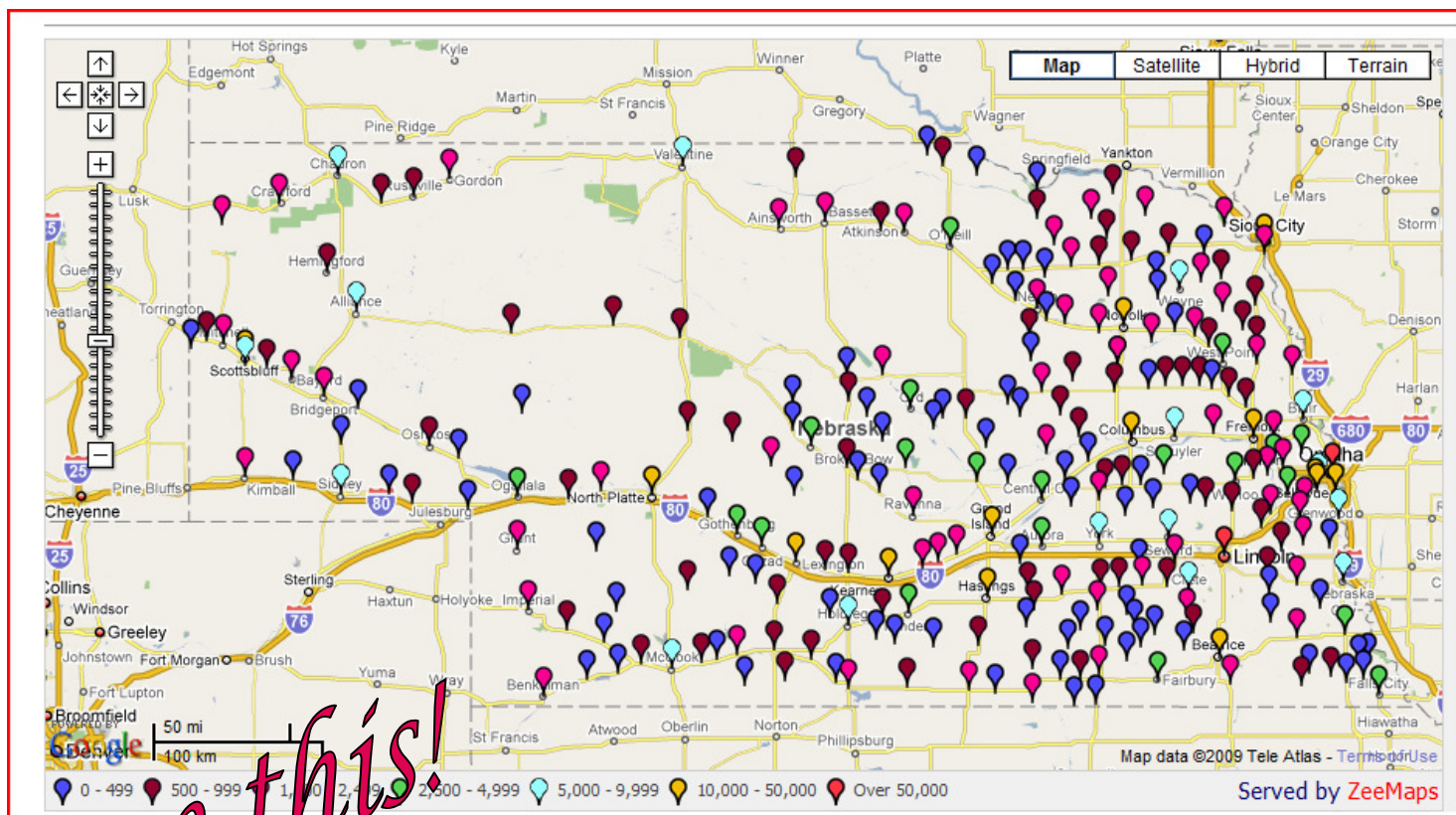
Term expires: June 2010

Commissioners meet every other month – typically at the Nebraska Library Commission (NLC) and their meetings are open to the public. Barbara Hegr, current President of the SELS Board, and Jenni Puchalla were able to attend their July meeting. Jenni and Barbara provided the points below as items included in the meeting's discussion:

- ⊙ Annette Hall is Employee of the Year at NLC
- ⊙ NLC moved to state email system. Old emails will work for about a year; new format: [first.last@nebraska.gov](mailto:first.last@nebraska.gov)
- ⊙ State Advisory Council of Libraries meeting in Elmwood was well attended. OCLC pilot project is a marketing piece called "Geek the Library" which was introduced at the meeting.
- ⊙ Librarians for the 21<sup>st</sup> century grant requested by NLC from the Institute of the Museum and Library Services was denied. This grant was for interns; similar to the partnership with NLA for this year: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/news/content/2460.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/news/content/2460.html)
- ⊙ The 2<sup>nd</sup> round of Gates' grants underway. All together 37 Nebraska Library received \$238,000 for equipment. There is a match and a certain level of lack of support that was necessary to qualify. Gates says this is last time for computer equipment for libraries.
- ⊙ Broadband: U.S.. Dept. of Commerce and Dept. of Agriculture released details for applications and funds that will be distributed in 3 waves for broadband. Check the Dept. of Commerce's website: <http://broadbandusa.sc.egov.usda.gov/index.htm>.
- ⊙ NLC has been contacted by several folks for partnerships for grants for stimulus funds. Viaero is one of the companies pursuing a partnership.
- ⊙ Good attendance for the final NEBase meeting. Every library will have uniform charges.
- ⊙ Sally Reed, chair of ALTAFF, which stands for Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations, <http://connect.ala.org/altaff>, will be doing a webinar for NLC.
- ⊙ Cuts at NLC because of flat budget are in publications and printing, acquisitions, and travel.
- ⊙ New chair: Jean Ahrens. John Dale continues as Vice-Chair.

Upcoming Commissioner's meetings: September 11, November 13.

Link to official NLC Commissioners Meeting minutes:  
[www.nlc.state.ne.us/commis/minutes/minutesindex.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/commis/minutes/minutesindex.html)



*Love this!*

An interactive, thematic map of public libraries in Nebraska is shown above. This map was created by John Felton, Planning and Data Services Coordinator at the Nebraska Library Commission. Clicking on a map marker will bring up an "info bubble" containing statistical data, such as computer use, circulation, WiFi access, service area pop., legislative district, and hours and materials held, from each library. Data is based on the **2007-2008 Nebraska Public Library Statistical Survey**. This is great for a quick look before city board meetings to compare data of libraries similar in size or location. Or to have library Board members view. Thanks John!

[www.nlc.state.ne.us/statistics/librarymap.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/statistics/librarymap.html)

As the American Library Association (ALA) has emphasized since first enactment of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA), concern for children's safety is our first priority in providing materials to young patrons. On August 26, 2009, the CPSC's final rule on children's products containing lead was released. **In the rule, CPSC confirmed that libraries have no independent obligation to test library books for lead under the law.** CPSC also announced its intention to release a Statement of Policy specifically providing guidance for libraries with regard to the treatment of older children's books that could potentially contain lead. According to our conversations with CPSC officials, that Statement of Policy should be released within the next several weeks.

While we await the Statement of Policy, ALA recommends that libraries take the following actions. If a library is aware that any children's book does indeed contain lead above the legal limits or otherwise presents a danger to children, it should remove it from public access, for instance by moving it to the non-circulating collection. We would also ask that if libraries do learn of any books containing lead to please let the ALA – Washington Office know so that we might share that information with other libraries. When the Statement of Policy is released, we will promptly notify our members.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jessica McGilvray, Assistant Director of the ALA Office of Government Relations at [jmcgilvray@alwash.org](mailto:jmcgilvray@alwash.org) or 1-800-941-8478.

Southeast Library System Board Meeting  
June 26, 2009  
Morton-James Public Library, Nebraska City, NE

**Board Members Present:** Becky Baker (Seward Memorial Library); Rebecca Bernthal (University of Nebraska - Lincoln Libraries); Ruth Carlock (Levitt Library, York College); Scott Childers (University of Nebraska - Lincoln Libraries); Karen Frank (Greenwood Public Library); Barbara Hegr (Morton-James Public Library, Nebraska City); Kent Munster (Clark Enersen Partners, Lincoln); Tom Schmitz (Lincoln Regional Center Library)

**Also Present:** Brenda Ealey (SELS Administrator); Jenni Puchalla (SELS Administrative Assistant); Jill Von Minden (SELS Intern); Sally Snyder (Nebraska Library Commission); Robin Sudgen (Freeman Public Schools, Adams)

**Board Members Absent:** Wanda Marget (Fairmont Public Library); Kim McCain (Tri-County Schools, DeWitt); Jan Thomsen (Alice M. Farr Library, Aurora); Glenda Willnerd (Lincoln Public Schools District Office)

Meeting called to order by Vice President Karen Frank at 9:44 AM.

### **I. Election Results**

Brenda Ealey shared the results from the SELS Board election. There was about a 24% return rate, an improvement from last year's election.

Elected this year Barbara Cornelius (Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln) and Robin Sugden (Freeman Public Schools, Adams). Re-elected Scott Childers (University of Nebraska - Lincoln Libraries), Wanda Marget (Fairmont Public Library) & Glenda Willnerd (Lincoln Public Schools District Office)

### **II. What's New Around the System**

(The board continued with doing some round robin via Google Docs)

- \* Becky Baker (Seward Memorial Library) written report

- \* Kent Munster (Clark Enersen Partners) distributes some pictures of some library projects Cape Girardeau (Missouri) & Leewood Library (Johnson County) Kansas pics. building complete and furnishings delivered in a few weeks - but won't move in until October when they have operating budget.

- \* Scott Childers (UNL Libraries) written report

- \* Tom Schmitz (Lincoln Region Center) reports the Regional Center decided to recarpet whole first floor in the regional center so they had to move all the bookcases in the library. Tom is taking the time to do some weeding as he is moving stuff back in. He's also working on getting approval to bring in broad band internet access to the library.

- \* Barbara Hegr (Morton-James Public Library) written report

- \* Ruth Carlock (Levitt Library, York College) reports they have moved the curriculum lab upstairs which opened up main floor. They are also working on making the library more accessible for disabled students.

- \* Robin Sugden (Freeman Public Schools, Adams) shared with the group some of the unique things about working in a combination school/public library.

- \* Karen Frank (Greenwood Public Library) written report

### **III. Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes for April 17, 2009 as corrected was made by Ruth Carlock and seconded by Barbara Hegr. Motion carried.

### **IV. Financial Report**

Jenni Puchalla reports there are some complications with getting reimbursed from corrections at the moment. The bus grant has to be carried over to pay next fiscal year. We may be looking to get a buffer loan from SELS Friends to cover the shortfall until reimbursement comes through.

A suggestion was made to link category number code on the budget sheet and removing the account column on the transaction reports.

A motion to approve the transactions was made by Rebecca Bernthal and seconded by Kent Munster. Motion carried.

### **V. Administrator's Report**

Highlights from Brenda's written report



*Service Role 1: Training & Consulting*

- \* The future direction of Basic Skills training being done by Brenda & Becky Baker is still up in the air.
- \* Did some weeding in Palmyra and had a discussion with the board on responsibilities of library boards.
- \* Glennor Shirley workshop was a good experience. The CD tutorial to help people learn how to use the Internet for searching that was part of the workshop was a good idea and might be adopted in NE.
- \* Training Extravaganza had 60 people attend. It was a different mix of folks than had attended before.
- \* Visited Bruning and met with library board and talk about new building and it turned into a town meeting.
- \* The Pat Wagner ethics session didn't have the best turn out, but had some good reviews on material.
- \* Attending a Corrections meeting, following up on Glennor Shirley workshop.
- \* CASTL meeting in Seward – the Golden Sower discussion drew in more media people.
- \* One book Many Librarians session at the NLA/NEMA conference will be on *Playing With the Enemy* and it sounds like Gary W. Moore will be joining the discussion.
- \* Still working on gaining internet access for corrections librarian in Tecumseh

*Service Role 2: Consortia Building & Cooperative Approaches to Providing Library Services*

- \* Clark Charbonnet was in the area to talk with people currently using the Apollo system

*Service Role 3: Promotion*

- \* Attended National Library Legislative Day.

*Service Role 4: Management of SELS Resources*

- \* Went over the personnel policy with the Executive Committee and is double checking with Adam on some of the policies.

*Upcoming events/meetings:*

- \* Commission meeting
- \* SELS Friends movie night

Brenda distributed Annual summaries to the board.

**VI. SELS Friends**

Along with the One Book, One Conference session at NLA/NEMA Conference, the friends are also doing Speed Review session. The upcoming Harry Potter Movie Night showing is July 18 and starts at 9:00 AM with the SELS Friends Annual meeting following that movie. They are looking for board members with two slots open.

**VII. NLC report**

Written report was provided. Some highlights and additions from Sally Snyder:

- \* Encourage libraries to participate with the United We Serve/ Summer of Service program, find a couple of places that you can put in a volunteer position.
- \* NCompass Live is on hiatus while they switch software

**VIII. SELS Budget**

Funding from the NLC funding is the same level as last year. This year the Executive Board feels that we cannot afford to give Brenda & Jenni raises. The Exec Board agrees with budget proposal sent to the board. SELS Friends will handle the licensing of the new van this year. It was suggested that the newsletter move to electronic, perhaps put in a notice that they must contact the SELS office if they wish to continue getting it in paper. This led to a discussion on what other systems are doing. It was also discussed that it may be possible to do a bonus later if the financial picture improves.

The proposed budget comes from the Executive Committee, Motion to approve carried.

**IX. Election of board officers**

A slate of Barbara Hegr for President, Karen Frank as Vice President, and Ruth Carlock as Secretary was presented. Becky Baker moved the slate was accepted as presented and seconded by Tom Schmitz. Motion carried.

**X. August Board Meeting/planning retreat**

The August Board Meeting/Planning Retreat has been scheduled for August 26, 2009.

**XI. Committee Assignments & Updates**

New committees will be assigned at the August meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM

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"A conclusion is the  
place where you got tired  
of thinking."

-Harold Fricklestein

Southeast Library System is a multi-type library network with 248 members offering a wide range of service in public, school, academic, institutional and private libraries (Membership list with populations from 2000 Census are on the SELS web page: [www.selsne.org](http://www.selsne.org).) Membership includes 12 academic institutions, including the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, four private colleges, three community college campuses, a state college and a technical school. Fifty-four public libraries are system members. The majority of these libraries (34) serve populations fewer than 1,000. The system counts 146 school media centers among its members, 54 that are Lincoln Public Schools, with most of those belonging to Class 3 schools (population areas between 1,000 and 100,000). Fourteen of the school media centers are parochial. The system has 28 special and institutional members, most of which are located in Lancaster County.